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MARCHING CLASSIC

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

WASECA *Marching Classic*

The Waseca Marching Classic Committee welcomes all participating bands and their fans. We thank the many volunteers and contributors for their support and dedication to our 39th annual event.

JOIN US FOR THE
40TH ANNUAL
WASECA MARCHING CLASSIC
SEPTEMBER 18, 2027

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The Marching Classic Committee is proud to be celebrating 39 years! It began in 1988 as part of Waseca's all school reunion. Thanks to all members who served on the Classic committee throughout the years and the support of the Waseca Community, the Marching Classic has evolved into what it is today.

Twelve high school bands, including our Marching Jays will entertain you. Five bands step off in the parade and nine will dazzle you with their field show routines.

Also enjoy the very first outing of this year's
Waseca Junior Marching Jays!
Family Entertainment at its Best!

Thank You,
Waseca Marching Classic Committee

Welcome to the Waseca Marching Classic - Celebrating 39 Years!

We are glad you have joined us to celebrate a tradition of excellence in marching band competition.

To the student musicians, their families, supporters and fans, have a wonderful day! The smiles, the memories, and the fun are due to the dedicated band students themselves. We share in the pride and excitement of each performance and wish all competing bands the very best.

On behalf of the Waseca Community, welcome and enjoy your stay!

Join us in 2027 to celebrate our 40th Anniversary. Plans are being made to make this Milestone a very special Waseca Marching Classic Event!

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Waseca Classic, Inc. Mission Statement

The mission of the Waseca Marching Classic is to provide a fair competition that promotes a positive, encouraging and good-spirited festival. Our festival:

- Enhances individual and group performance in Marching Band.
- Develops self-esteem and self-confidence.
- Demonstrates community pride and support for our youth.

We will work to this end.

For more information about Waseca, visit: **www.discoverwaseca.com**

Waseca Band Boosters say Thank You!

The Waseca Band Boosters welcome all participating bands from around the Upper Midwest. The Band Boosters is a non-profit organization formed as a support group for the students and director. The members are Waseca High School Band parents and anyone who is interested in a quality musical experience for students. Their goal is to assist in areas such as concerts, fundraising, trip support and transportation.

The Waseca Band Boosters is very proud of the dedication and unity shown in all the band performances throughout the day. The Waseca Marching Classic is a wonderful opportunity for all schools to showcase their students' accomplishments.

The Waseca Band Boosters thank the Community of Waseca for the support it receives year in and year out!

Mark your calendars for the 40th Anniversary of the Waseca Marching Classic September 18, 2027!

39th Annual
Waseca Marching Classic
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Saturday, September 19, 2026

Parade Starts at 12:00
Downtown Waseca

***12:00 p.m. Classic* 75-100 Unit Parade**
- Featuring 5 Marching Bands
- 20th Annual Classic Car Cruise (Sponsored by Club 57)
- Awards Ceremony following the Parade at the Trowbridge Park Bandstand (North State Street next to the Public Library parking lot)

9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. *Classic* Car Show
Rain or Shine at Club 57

Field Show Starts at 5:30
Waseca Jr./Sr. High School Stadium

3:30 p.m. Gates Open
Concession Stand at Stadium Opens

5:30 p.m. Introductions & Announcements
- Star Spangled Banner sung by the Waseca HS Combined Sextets under the direction of Megan Kreinbring

5:45 p.m. Marching *Classic* Field Show
- Featuring 9 Marching Bands

8:30 p.m. Awards

Classic FIREWORKS following Awards

Enjoy Waseca Today
- **The many specialty shops and restaurants in Waseca**

2026 Awards to be Presented

Parade Awards
Class A: 1st , 2nd ,3rd Place
Class AA: 1st, 2nd Place

Field Awards
Class A: 1st, 2nd 3rd Place
Class AA: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th. 5th Place

Plaques for Parade & Field Competition:
Outstanding Drum Majors
Outstanding Horn Line
Outstanding Percussion
Outstanding Auxiliary

Special Awards
Herb Streitz Spirit Award
Parade People's Choice Award
Parade Sweepstakes
Field Sweepstakes
Richard "Butch" Dufault Sweepstakes
(Parade/Field)

2025 Awards

Class A
Field 1st: Rochester Lourdes

Class AA
Parade 1st: Stewartville
Field 1st: Coon Rapids

Class AAA
Parade 1st: Lakeville South
Field 1st: Mankato 77 Lancers

Special Awards
Parade Sweepstakes: Lakeville South
Field Sweepstakes: Mankato 77 Lancers
People's Choice Award: Worthington
Herb Streitz Spirit Award: Lakeville South
Richard "Butch" Dufault Sweepstakes Award: Lakeville South

39TH Annual Waseca Marching Classic
Saturday, September 19, 2026

Competition Schedule

Parade Order (12:00 Step-Off) **Rank/Score**

1. Exhibition: Waseca Junior Marching Jays

2. A Eagle Grove Marching Eagles (IA)
3. A Pipestone Area Arrow Marching Band

4. AA Simley High School Marching Band
5. AA Stewartville Marching Tigers

6. Exhibition: Waseca Marching Jays

Parade Band Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Class	1st	2nd
A	$250	$150
AA	$250	$150

People's Choice Award winner receives an additional $100
Parade Sweepstakes winner receives an additional $150
Parade Trophies presentation Ceremony following the Parade at the Trowbridge Park Bandstand
(North State next to the Public Library parking lot, across from the hospital).

Concessions available at Waseca Jr/Sr High School Stadium when the gates open at 3:30 p.m.

Field Order **Rank/Score**

5:30 Introductions and Announcements

5:45 A Dassel-Cokato Marching Chargers
6:00 A Luverne Cardinal Marching Band
6:15 A Pipestone Area Arrow March Band

6:30 INTERMISSION

6:50 AA Rochester Lourdes High School Marching Band
7:05 AA Hutchinson Marching Tigers
7:20 AA "Spirit of Madison" Marching Band
7:35 AA Spirit Lake "The Force"
7:50 AA Coon Rapids Marching Cardinals

8:10 Exhibition: Waseca Marching Jays

8:30 Awards Ceremony

Fireworks Following Awards

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Chantel and Justin Medina are Marching Classic Grand Marshals

BY DEB BENTLY
News Editor, Waseca County Pioneer

Chantel and Justin Medina of Waseca have been selected as this year's grand marshals for the Marching Classic parade. The two have been volunteering with the Marching Jays for the past 8 years serving in a boggling variety of roles. Chantel observes that Justin is "that guy everyone relies on" to troubleshoot emerging situations, ranging from roadkill on the parade route to finding a way to create an auxiliary concession stand. Chantel has served as the Band Boosters treasurer for the past four years, and also helped ensure the concession stand is ready for not only the Classic, but football games as well.

Chantel and Justin say they are flattered and grateful to have been chosen as grand marshals, while also feeling a bit humbled given how many hardworking, dedicated individuals they work alongside.
The two have been steady volunteers with the marching band for the past 8 years–first while their daughter Jaidance was active with band playing the clarinet and eventually becoming drum major, and then while their son Corrick, who was part of the drumline, participated for four years, graduating in 2026.

"We were glad to do it," Chantel says firmly. "It was a lot of work; it was also a lot of fun."

The two say they are grateful for Waseca's strong instrumental music program in all its forms. Although Justin says his chief association with music has been appreciating it, Chantel describes three generations of connection to the Waseca band program.

Her mother, Danita (Deppe) Proechel played trumpet with the Jays, graduating in 1980 after four years in band with Butch Dufault as her director. Chantel played trumpet with the band, switching to the French horn for the marching season; she was also in band for three years, graduating in 2003.

She says that, while she is proud of the contributions her children were able to make to the Waseca band program, she is mostly grateful for what they learned by being part of it: "The same things I did," she describes. "A sense of pride. A foundation of discipline. A level of unity and shared purpose. Kids in band form relationships and learn how to work as part of an organization. They develop discipline and time management skills. They learn balance, recognizing the value of putting in work for the delayed gratification of producing a high-quality outcome. Kids in band recognize their performance is only as strong as the least skilled among them, and it's a call to everyone to do their best and work together for the benefit of the group as a whole."

She and Justin also regard it as a gift that students are expected to show leadership in many different ways, using their skills in a wide variety of settings. Alongside all of that, their daughter Jaidance is now married to a fellow graduate of the Marching Jays, former classmate Tahvo Nevalainen; the couple is expecting their first child during September.
"Waseca has a rich, rich history when it comes to the music program and the ways it has helped our community's kids become contributing members of society," Chantel says. "We're glad to be part of that, and happy to help that tradition continue."

Katie Gonzales named "Friend of the Classic"

BY DEB BENTLY
News Editor, Waseca County Pioneer

The Waseca Marching Classic has named State Farm Insurance Agent Katie Gonzales as this year's "Friend of the Classic."

As a 2012 Bluejay graduate, Gonzales is intimately acquainted with the Classic. She describes having joined the instrumental music program already in elementary school, then going on to play a number of different instruments over time, including the trumpet, French horn, and –for marching band—the mellophone. She became a drum major in her senior year.

"I'm proud to be a Friend of the Classic," she told the Pioneer. "Marching band was an important part of my high school experience. I know firsthand the hard work and dedication that it takes to be a Marching Jay. Now, as a local business owner, I'm grateful to have the opportunity to give back and help support the Waseca Marching Classic so today's students can have those same meaningful experiences. It's wonderful to support an event that brings students, families, and our community together."

Gonzales goes on to say she remembers "Beat Waseca" was something of a motto during her participation, meaning band members were persistently challenging themselves to do even better than their previous best. She describes that it felt particularly rewarding to perform on home turf, where families, community members, teachers and friends could see the precision and dedication which made them so formidable in competitions elsewhere.

Being part of band, and competing as a band, is special, she says, because it "provides the opportunity to understand hard work and dedication all while working with a group to achieve a greater goal."

She also mentions that, as much as she appreciated the contributions of school staff members, volunteers, parents and community representatives when she was in high school, her appreciation has become much richer since. So has her gratitude. "Looking back, I realize how much being part of the band taught me beyond just music and marching. It taught me discipline, teamwork, commitment, and how to be part of something bigger than myself," she says.

From her perspective now, as a business owner in the community, she says she also appreciates how the Classic draws many visitors to town, showing them some of what our area has to offer and perhaps serving as an invitation to return.

2026 Waseca Marching Classic

Grand Marshals
Chantel and Justin Medina

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Joey Babay, Guard

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Jesse Talbot, Visual Performance
Steve Citta, Music GE
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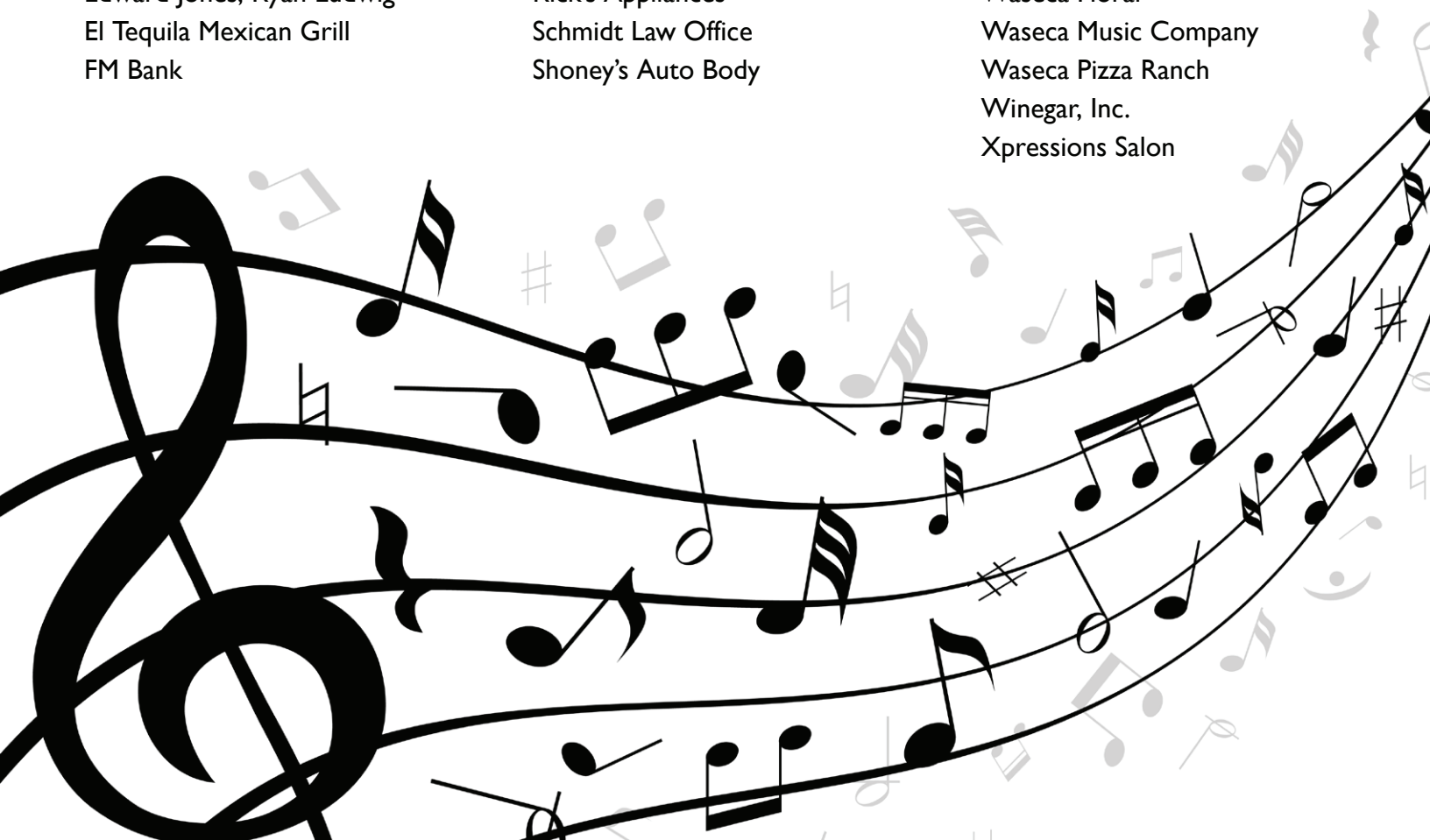


Coon Rapids Marching Band

School: Coon Rapids High School (Coon Rapids, MN)
School Enrollment (9-12): 2,000
Class AA Field Competition

Director: Ryan Palmer
Staff: Rebecca Haukom, Andrew Yaroch, Meghan Walz, Jon Palla, Hayden Hoium, Logan Mensink, Jewelien Harris, Emily Lawrence, Isabella Hegvik

Winds & **Percussion**: 37
Guard: 5
Drum Major: 1
Total Members Performing: 43
Drum Major: Tito Tunmbi

Field Show Title: Don't Jinx It!

Field Selection: “Get Lucky” - Daft Punk
“Mirrors” - Justin Timberlake
“Knock on Wood” - Amii Stewart
“Umbrella” - Rihanna
“Dies Irea” - Verdi
Ryan Palmer, Hornline Arranger
Logan Mensink, Batterie Arranger
Hayden Hoium, Frontline Arranger

Let’s keep our fingers crossed so we “Don’t Jinx It!” We hope you “Get Lucky” and manage to avoid stepping on a yardline or you might break someone’s back! Tuba soloist Jayceon Flowers is here to bring us a little extra good fortune! Next up is a piano solo by Ayo Olawore playing with “Mirrors” - but be careful…everyone knows that breaking a mirror means seven years of bad luck, and I don’t even want to know what happens if you break three! Don’t worry, our percussionists will try to undo all of this misfortune with a “Knock On Wood”. When it rains, it pours! Make sure you have your ”Umbrella” ready, but whatever you do, don't open it indoors! Soloists Aiden Jacobe and Isabella Lemieux are here to pick us back up and hopefully wash all that bad luck away!

Dassel-Cokato Marching Chargers

School:Dassel-CokatoHighSchool (Cokato, MN)
School Enrollment:580
Class A Field Competition

Directors: Aron Bohnert
Asst. Directors:AndreaRichard

Winds & Percussion: 14
Guard: 5
Drum Majors: 1

Total Members Performing 20

Drum Majors:Tatiana Winston

Field Show Title: Thor's Hammer

Field Selection: Thor's Hammer by Randall Standridge

Joining us from Cokato, MN, and making their first appearance at the Waseca Marching Classic, are the Dassel-Cokato Marching Chargers! Their program is titled Thor's Hammer and their band is led by Drum Major Tatiana Winston. Let’s give a warm Waseca welcome to the Dassel-Cokato Marching Chargers!

Eagle Grove Marching Eagles

School: Eagle Grove High School (Eagle Grove, IA)
School Enrollment: 329
Class A Parade Competition

Director: Justin Schwake **Winds &**

Percussion: 28 **Guard**: 2

Drum Major: 1

Total Members Performing: 31
Drum Major: Keylyee Collins

Parade Show Title:Return to the 80s: Thriller!

Parade Show Selections: Thriller by Michael Jackson, arr. by Paul Murtha Return to the 80s: Thriller!

Please welcome the Eagle Grove Marching Eagles! The band is thrilled to return for its ninth appearance in the beautiful town of Waseca, Minnesota. We would like to thank the Waseca community for always giving us such an enthusiastic welcome; your excitement makes this parade a highlight of our season!

Hutchinson Marching Tigers

School: Hutchinson High School (Hutchinson, MN)
School Enrollment: 850
Class AA Field Competition

Director: Nick Buroker
Assistant Director: Justin Mons
Staff: Maddie Schuette, Shane Matter, Izzy Tapp, Alyssa Matter, Ezra Nordman
Winds & **Percussion**: 40
Guard: 12

Drum Majors: 2
Total Members Performing: 54

Drum Majors: Ava Lueck, Leyton Yerks

Field Show Title: One Story Too Many

Field Selection: Symphony No. 5, mvt. 1, Ludwig van Beethoven/ Carnival of the Animals, mvt. 7 / Camille Saint Saens

The Hutchinson Marching Tigers' 2026 show is entitled "One Story Too Many." A group of students decide to go on a camping trip to enjoy the majesty of the great outdoors. As they enjoy the campfire, they tell each other scary stories and settle in for the evening. However, they soon find out that one tale was more than just a story… The Hutchinson Marching Tigers are led by drum majors Ava Lueck and Leyton Yerks, along with caption heads Tanner Lent, Melody Maricle, Wyatt Golde, Desta Woube. Staff include Nick Buroker, Justin Mons, Maddie Schuette, Shane Matter, Izzy Tapp, Alyssa Matter, and Ezra Nordman. The Marching Tigers are part of a comprehensive instrumental music program which includes three concert bands, jazz band, pep band, and a strong tradition of participation in Solo & Ensemble. The Marching Tigers would like to thank the Hutchinson Music Boosters, along with the administration and staff of Hutchinson Public Schools for their continued support.

Luverne Cardinal Marching Band

School: Luverne High School (Luverne, MN)
School Enrollment: 325
Class A Parade Competition
Class A Field Competition

Director: James Jarvie
Asst. Directors:Gavin Folkestad, Cody Henrichs
Staff: Josie Golla – Front Ensemble
Winds & Percussion: 51
Guard: 10
Drum Majors: 2
Total Members Performing: 63

Drum Majors: Jaiden Klay and Paige Kubesh
Parade Show Title: "Shut up and Dance"
Parade Selection: Shut Up and Dance by Walk the Moon.
Field Show Title: Beacons
Field Selection: Hoist the Colours by Hans Zimmer and Gore Verbinski The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald by Gordon Lightfoot Fix You by Coldplay Light by San Holo Original Music by Jeff Chambers

In moments of confusion or despair, it's easy to feel adrift—overwhelmed by the vastness of the unknown. A beacon serves as a guiding light, cutting through the darkness to offer direction, a steady focus, and a path forward. It reminds us that no matter how far off course we stray, there is always something to lead us home. Inspired by the treacherous waters of the North Sea, Beacons brings an ocean aesthetic to the field, anchored by a central lighthouse prop. You will follow our journey from a ship leaving port, through getting lost in rough waters, to finally being guided safely back home by the light. Our show features original music and arrangements by Jeff Chambers, sound design by Tim Mitchell, and includes adapted selections from: Hoist the Colours by Hans Zimmer and Gore Verbinski The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald by Gordon Lightfoot Fix You by Coldplay Light by San Holo

“Spirit of Madison”

School: Madison High School (Madison, SD)
School Enrollment (9-12): 368
Class AA Field Competition

Director: Brett Kroeger
Asst. Band Director: Emmett Brown

Staff: Amy Hopf, Lillian Tolley, Jillian Hubbell, Mia Hein, Robert Escamilla, Kiley Coyne, Phil Snyder, Amanda Rollins

Drum Majors: Oliver Meyer, Caitlyne Kearin, Gordon Olson

Field Show Title: Voyage to Valhalla
Field Selection: Music published by Synced Up Designs. This production is designed, composed, and arranged by Shane Gwaltney, Matt Filosa, and Jeremy Thompson.

Winds & Percussion: 54
Guard: 11
Drum Major(s): 3
Total Members Performing: 68

For the mighty Viking warrior, the greatest honor is not victory… but death. Death in battle, fighting for their honor, and the honor of their homeland. But death is far from the end of their journey. They must brave treacherous seas and fearsome battles to prepare for their final battle, which will earn them their way into the realm of the gods. Join the Spirit of Madison in their fearless quest for glory… on their Voyage to Valhalla.

Pipestone Area Arrow Marching Band

School: Pipestone Middle and High Schools (Pipestone, MN)
School Enrollment: 300
Class A Parade Competition
Class A Field Competition

Director: Dr. Zachary Ploeger
Staff: Pete Hansen and Oscar Hansen, Percussion / Sarah Rommann, Colorguard / Ashley Lopez, Sefora Gamboa Herrera, Dante Tooley, William Johnson, Winds.

Winds & **Percussion**: 38
Guard: 6
Drum Majors: 1
Total Members Performing: 45

Drum Major: Mackenzie Lange

Parade Show Title: America at 250!

Parade Selection: You're a Grand Old Flag, America, the Beautiful (Mike Story)

Field Show Title: Choose Joy!

Field Selection: "Joy" from The Awakening by Joseph Curiale, Vivaldi's Spring from The Four Seasons, "Mad World" by Michael Andrews, and Beethoven's "Ode to Joy."

When the colors fade.....what remains? When the laughter grows quiet… When the path ahead disappears into uncertainty...When hope feels farther away than yesterday...What remains? Every life will know these moments. Moments that test us. Moments that change us. Moments that ask us who we will become. Perhaps joy was never meant to be found only in life's brightest days. Perhaps it isn't something we discover when every burden is lifted.....or every question is answered. Perhaps joy is revealed in the quiet courage to keep moving forward. To believe when believing is difficult. To hope when hope feels distant. To find light, even when surrounded by darkness. Tonight, the Pipestone Area Schools Marching Arrows invite you on that journey. Through the exhilaration of "Joy" from The Awakening by Joseph Curiale, the brilliance of Vivaldi's Spring from The Four Seasons, the haunting reflection of "Mad World" by Michael Andrews, and the triumphant celebration of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy," this production explores one of life's greatest questions. Music composed by Evan VanDoren. Arranged by Scott Taylor. Color guard design by Sarah Thursby. Drill design by Dameon Place. The Pipestone Area Schools Marching Arrows are under the direction of Dr. Zachary Ploeger.

Rochester Lourdes Marching Band

School: Lourdes High School (Rochester, MN)
School Enrollment: 320
Class AA Field Competition

Director: Andrew Scheller
Asst. Director: Cameron Beaver

Staff: Chad Clasemann, Wayne Nation, Nate Herr, Ella Olson, Chanda Komatsu, Megan Hedblom

Winds & Percussion: 35
Guard: 4
Drum Majors: 2
Total Members Performing: 41

Drum Majors Eleanor Clasemann and Frances Buss

Field Show Title: Dead Man's Party

Field Selection: "Don't Fear the Reaper" by Blue Oyster Cult and "Dead Man's Party" by Danny Elfman. Arranged by Jonathan Zuniga and Jason Hillegaart

As the clock strikes midnight, a secret party begins for all the fun-loving residents of this graveyard - except for the grim reaper, who is tasked with keeping the misbehaving skeletons in line! As the night progresses, the skeletons do their best to keep the party going strong - even as the grim reaper takes their job a little too seriously. Featuring musical selections “Don’t Fear the Reaper” by Blue Oyster Cult and “Dead Man’s Party” by Danny Elfman, the Rochester Lourdes Marching Band is proud to present their 2026 production, Dead Man’s Party.

Spirit Lake “The Force”

School: Spirit Lake High School (Spirit Lake, IA)
School Enrollment (9-12): 399
Class AA Field Competition

Director: Tyler Pedersen

Asst. Director: Clare McDowell

Staff: Jenna Hardy Pedersen-Percussion, Molly Mulhern-Guard

Winds & Percussion: 35
Guard: 7
Drum Major(s): 2

Total Members Performing: 44
Drum Major: Sam Wahl and Bridget Tritle

Field Show Title: Immortal Beloved

Field Selection: Fur Elise, Egmont Overture, Moonlight Sonata, 5th, 7th, and 9th Symphonies by Beethoven arranged by Shaun Salem and Jenna Hardy Pedersen

The Force is excited to perform their 2026 show entitled Immortal Beloved featuring the music of Ludwig Von Beethoven. The Egmont Overture, Moonlight Sonata, and the 5th, 7th, and 9th Symphonies combine with precision marching and stunning choreography to create an instant crowd favorite. Sit back and watch as The Force takes you through a musical sampling of one of the world's greatest composers.

Stewartville Marching Tigers

School:Stewartville High School (Stewartville, MN)
School Enrollment: 638
Class AA Parade Competition
Director: Jessica Honsey
Staff: Scott Kovar, (Percussion); Jenna Lorentz (Color guard); Nate Sikkink (Woodwinds); Emma Zahradnik (Brass)

Drum Majors: Keely Hinkle, Hannah Nelson

Parade Title: I Love Rock and Roll
Parade Selection: I Love Rock and Roll - Merril, Hooker, Arr. Tom Wallace

Winds & **Percussion**: 61
Guard: 4
Drum Majors: 2
Total Members Performing: 67

This year, our band chose “I Love Rock and Roll” by Joan Jett because it embodies the grit, strength, and confidence that define who we are as performers. The song’s bold energy and unmistakable attitude challenge us to step onto the street with courage, own our sound, and never back down. At the same time, its nostalgic rock-and-roll spirit connects generations and reminds us that great music has the power to bring people together. This season, we hope to capture that same fearless energy and leave our own mark on the audience. The Stewartville band program includes weekly band lessons, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Concert and Symphonic Bands, and small ensemble groups.

Waseca Marching Jays

School: Waseca Junior/Senior High School (Waseca, MN)
School Enrollment: 600

Exhibition: Parade
Exhibition: Field

Director: Devon Lawrence
Assistant Directors: Joe Fritz, Anders Peterson
Staff: Winds: Paul Davis, Hannah LaCroix, Grant Goulson, Nick Tentis, Braden Williams, Rylee Donald, and Bryan Borg, Battery: Joan Conway, Joel Pfiefer, and Jacob Schanbacher, Front Ensemble: Anthony Owens, Color Guard: Jamie Drey and Grace Theriot.
Winds & Percussion: 59
Guard: 9
Drum Majors: 2
Total Members Performing: 70

Drum Majors: Colby Hoof, Maren Schimming

Parade Show Title: I Wanna Dance With Somebody

Parade Selection: I Wanna Dance With Somebody arr. Ward Miller

Field Show Title: Urban Symphony
Field Selection: An American in Paris by George Gershwin / Young and Beautiful by Lana Del Rey / Harlem Nocturne by Earle Hagen. All Arranged by Ward Miller and Marques Eckhoff

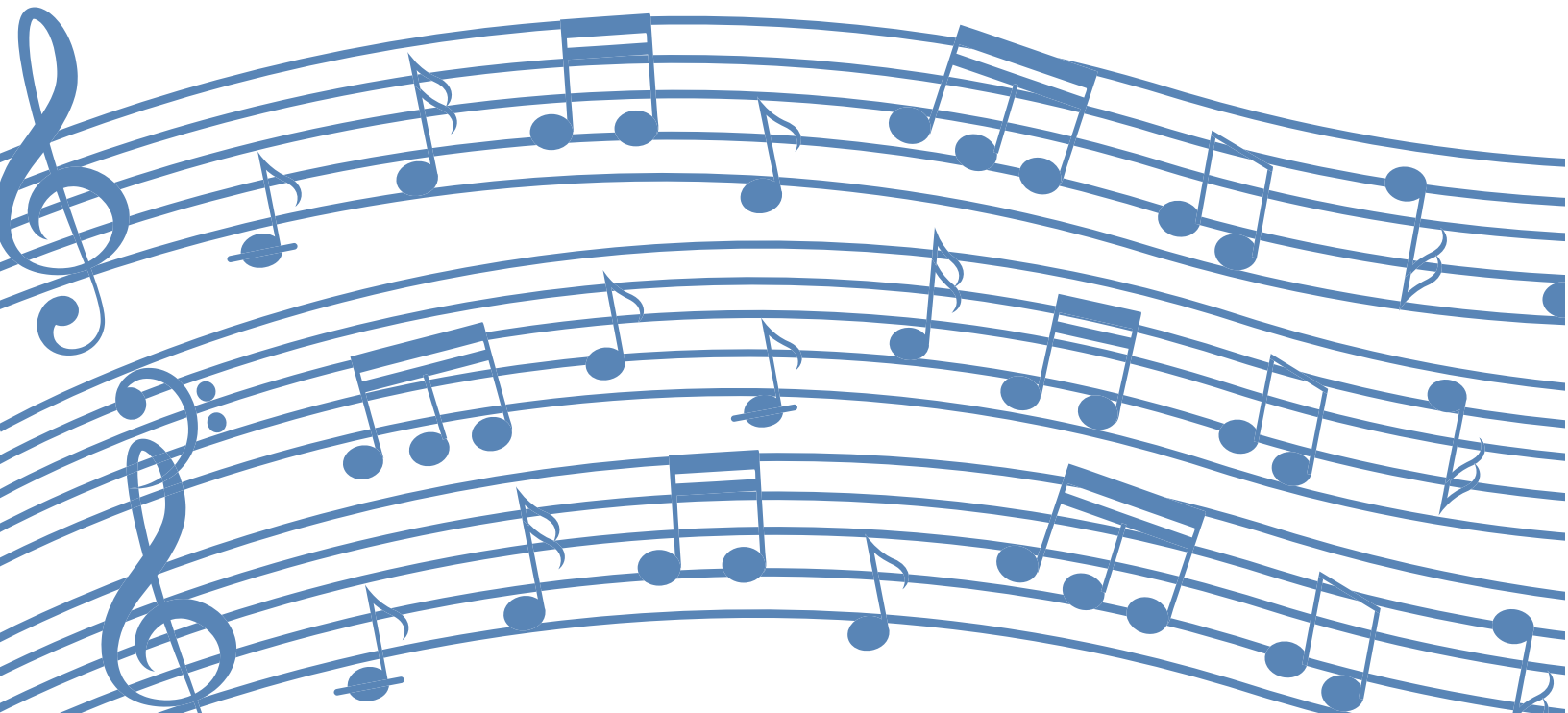
The Waseca Marching Jays are proud to perform their production, "Urban Symphony." Their 2026 production includes the following musical selections: "An American In Paris" by George Gershwin, "Young and Beautiful" by Lana Del Rey, and "Harlem Nocturne" by Earle Hagen.

Richard "Butch" Dufault Sweepstakes *(New name 2013)*

Year	Band
1988	Sioux Falls Lincoln, SD
1989	Grand Rapids
1990	Grand Rapids
1991	Anoka
1992	Irondale
1993	Irondale
1994	Irondale
1995	Irondale
1996	Irondale
1997	Champlin Park
1998	Grand Rapids
1999	Grand Rapids
2000	Champlin Park
2001	Champlin Park
2002	Hastings
2003	Hastings
2004	Champlin Park
2005	Winona Cotter
2006	Luverne
2007	Brandon Valley SD
2008	Brandon Valley SD
2009	Sioux Falls Washington SD
2010	Brandon Valley SD
2011	Brandon Valley SD
2012	Brandon Valley SD
2013	Brandon Valley SD
2014	No Award – Rained Out
2015	Brandon Valley SD
2016	Lennox SD
2017	Champlin Park
2018	Lakeville South
2019	Lakeville South
2020	No Competition
2021	Eastview
2022	Eastview
2023	Eastview
2024	Lakeville South
2025	Lakeville South

Herb Streitz Spirit Award

Year	Band
1988	Grand Rapids
1989	Pipestone
1990	Irondale
1991	Bloomington Kennedy
1992	Champlin Park
1993	Pipestone
1994	Anoka
1995	Winona Cotter
1996	West Lyon IA
1997	Luverne
1998	Grand Rapids
1999	Brandon Valley SD
2000	Brandon Valley SD
2001	River Falls WI
2002	Elk Mound WI
2003	Brandon Valley SD
2004	Mt Pleasant IA
2005	Elk Mound WI
2006	Burnsville
2007	Pipestone
2008	Independence IA
2009	Rochester Lourdes
2010	Stewartville
2011	Minnetonka
2012	Adrian
2013	Worthington
2014	No Award – Rained Out
2015	Brandon Valley SD
2016	Lakeville South
2017	Luverne
2018	Benton Community HS IA
2019	Bishop Heelan, Sioux City, IA
2020	No Competition
2021	Spirit Lake IA
2022	Spirit Lake IA
2023	Spirit Lake IA
2024	Rochester Lourdes
2025	Lakeville South



Grand Marshals

1988 – Ruth & Joe Kozan
1989 – Herb & Polly Streitz
1990 – Waseca Marching Classic
1991 – Dr. Stephen & Agnes "Tup"Normann
1992 – Butch Dufault, Bill Brooks, & Tom Case
1993 – Dan & Linda Nitz and Neil & Sharon Fruechte
1994 – Butch & Marilyn Dufault
1995 – Band Moms; Ruth Johnson, Ag Fisher, Margaret Staley
1996 – Joe & Gerri Fritz
1997 – Jack & Mary Williams
1998 – Bruce & Mary Jane Stauffer
1999 – Steve & Sherill Langager
2000 – Dick & Mary Ann Hansen
2001 – George & Mary Alice Hagge
2002 – Kim & Shelly Cosens
2003 – Dan & Peggy Gades
2004 – Sam & Becky Gullickson
2005 – Mike Mayer, Molly Mayer
2006 – Dave & Robin Hattey
2007 – Larry Dukes
2008 – Kevin & Edna Burns
2009 – Hugh & Ann Chester- Jones
2010 – Ron & Dorothy Anderly
2011 – Deb & Curt Yess
2012 – City of Waseca, Waseca School District, Waseca Chamber of Commerce
2013 – Dufault Family
2014 – Wayne & Evey Stuemke
2015 – Don & Fran Zwach
2016 – Jeanne Swanson
2017 – Becky & Tim Dennis
2018 – Terry Stahl
2019 -- Dan & Kim Rux
2020 – NO Competition
2021 – Kathy Harguth, Jeff Lane, Corey Harguth, Scarlett Renze
2022 – Gary Bohm & Dave Dunn
2023 – Les & Karen Tlougan
2024 – Wally & Deb Werling
2025 - Dale and Cindy DeRaad
2026 - Justin & Chantel Medina

Friend of the Classic

1997 – '88 School Reunion Chairs, Tom Yuzer, Al Rieck, Ken Wendland
1998
1999
2000
2001
2002 – County Sheriff, Fire Chief, Chief of Police, North Ambulance Paramedics
2003 – Police Reservists
2004 – Volunteer Fire Fighters
2005 – The City of Waseca Street Dept.
2006 – Waseca County News & Area Shopper
2007 – Families of our Soldiers
2008 – DeRaad & Goetz, LLC
2009 – Clear Lake Press, Dan Nitz, Eric Erickson
2010 – Waseca Rotary
2011 – 4-Seasons
2012 – Roundbank Insurance Agency & The Roundbank
2013 – First National Bank of Waseca
2014 – Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
2015 – Dr. William Streitz
2016 – Walmart, Waseca
2017 – Waseca Band Boosters, Inc
2018 – Waseca McDonald's
2019 – Waseca Area Foundation
2020 -- NO Competition
2021 – Waseca Teachers
2022 – Arlen Tirevold
2023 – Waseca Music Company, Jim Kozan
2024 MinnWest Bank, MinnWest Ins. Agency
2025 - Kris Markeson, Chief of Police & Penny Vought, Former Chief of Police
2026 Katie Gonzales

The 2026 Waseca Marching Classic Scholarship Recipients

Sadie Schimming is attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison majoring in Legal Studies Philosophy.

Jenna Hudak is attending Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, IN exploring the field of Psychology. Jenna is thrilled to be invited to play snare with IWU Marching Wildcats drum line.

The 2026 Les & Karen Tlougan Waseca Marching Classic Scholarship Recipient

Allen Kopetzki is attending Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. Allen has not only demonstrated commitment and leadership in band these past four years at Waseca Jr.-Sr. High School, but in all aspects of his life – school, sports and community.

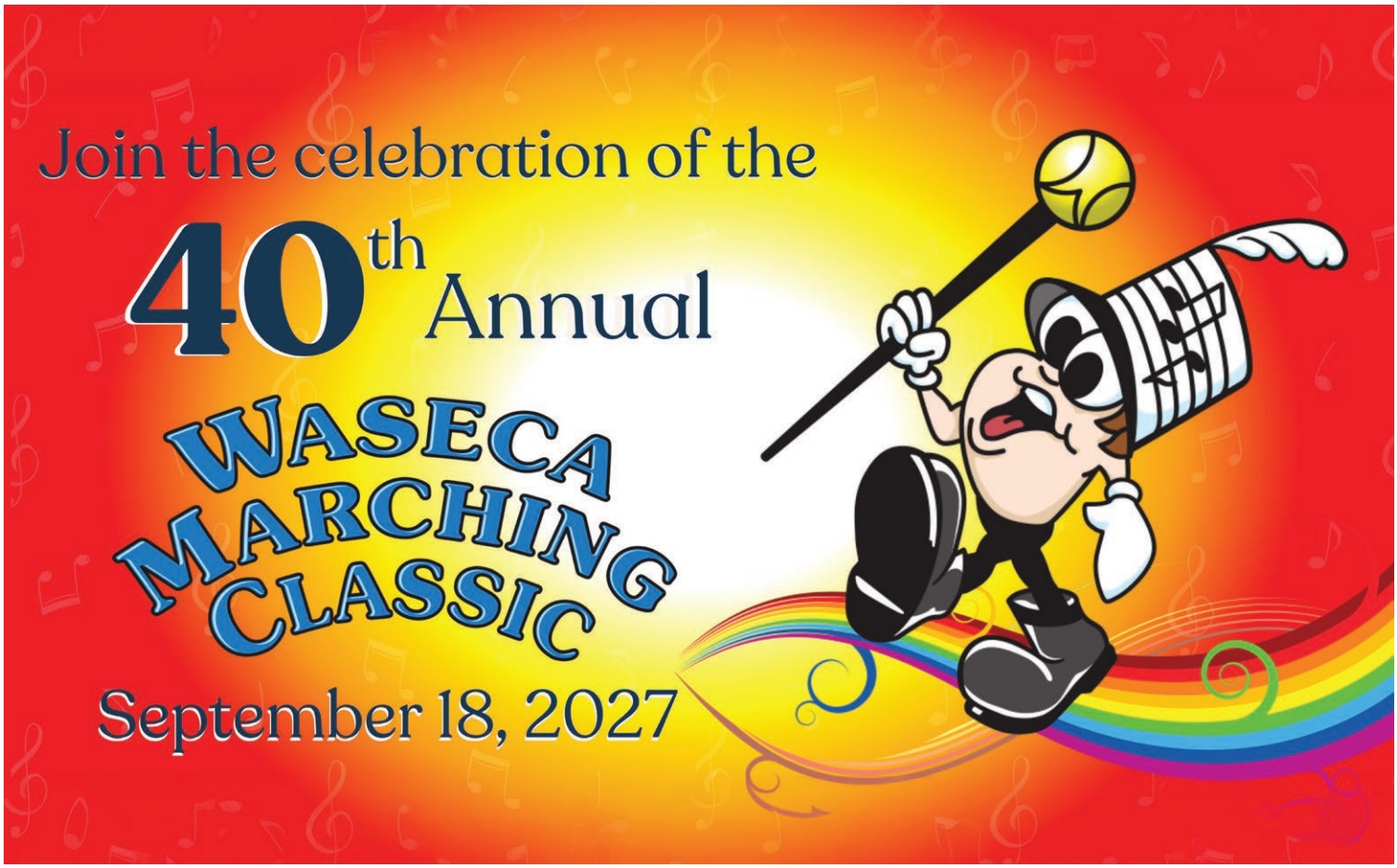
Waseca Marching Classic – 1st Place and Sweepstakes Awards (1988-2025)

	Parade	Field
1988	Select: Winona Cotter	Select: Rochester Mayo
	A: Sioux Falls Lincoln SD	A: Sioux Falls Lincoln SD
	Sweepstakes: Sioux Falls Lincoln	
1989		Select: Winona Cotter
	A: Pipestone	A: Pipestone
	AA: Grand Rapids	AA: Grand Rapids
	Sweepstakes: Grand Rapids	
1990		Select: Irondale
	A: Pipestone	A: Pipestone
	AA: Anoka	AA: Grand Rapids
	Sweepstakes: Grand Rapids	
1991	A: Winona Cotter	A: Luverne
	AA: River Falls WI	AA: River Falls WI
	AAA: Irondale	AAA: Anoka
	Sweepstakes: Anoka	
1992	Select: Champlin Park	Select: Hastings
	A: Luverne	A: Pipestone
	AA: Grand Rapids	AA: Grand Rapids
	AAA: Irondale	AAA: Irondale
	Sweepstakes: Irondale	
1993		Select: Champlin Park
	AA: Winona Cotter	AA: Pipestone
	AAA: Brookings SD	AAA: Marshall
	AAAA: Irondale	AAAA: Irondale
	Sweepstakes: Irondale	
1994	AAA: Winona Cotter	AAA: Pipestone
	AAAA: Irondale	AAAA: Irondale
	Sweepstakes: Irondale	
1995	AA: NRHEG	AA: West Lyon IA
	AAA: Winona Cotter	AAA: Pipestone
	AAAA: Irondale	AAAA: Irondale
	Sweepstakes: Irondale	
1996	AA: Maple River	AA: West Lyon IA
	AAA: Luverne	AAA: Luverne
	AAAA: Irondale	AAAA: Irondale
	Sweepstakes: Irondale	
1997	Select: Minneapolis Pat Henry	Select: Eastview
	AA: Luverne	AA: Luverne
	AAA: Charles City IA	AAA: Brandon Valley SD
	AAAA: Champlin Park	AAAA Div1: Rosemount
		AAAA Div2: Sioux Falls Lin SD
	Sweepstakes: Champlin Park	
1998	AA: Winona Cotter	AA: Luverne
	AAA: Saydel IA	AAA: Saydel IA
	AAAA: Champlin Park	AAAA Div1: Blaine
		AAAA Div2: Grand Rapids
	Sweepstakes: Grand Rapids	
1999		Select: Rochester Lourdes
	AA: Winona Cotter	AA: Luverne
	AAA: Saydel IA	AAA: Brandon Valley SD
	AAAA: Grand Rapids	AAAA Div1: Dowling IA
		AAAA Div2: Irondale
	Sweepstakes: Grand Rapids	
2000		Select: Rochester Lourdes
	AA: Luverne	AA: Luverne
	AAA: Saydel IA	AAA: Brandon Valley SD
	AAAA: Champlin Park	AAAA Div1: Dowling IA
		AAAA Div2: Irondale
	Sweepstakes: Champlin Park	

	Parade	Field
2001	Select: Stewartville	
	AA: Luverne	AA: Luverne
	AAA: Saydel IA	AAA Div1: Brandon Valley SD
		AAA Div2: South St Paul
	AAAA: Champlin Park	AAAA Div1: Irondale
		AAAA Div2: Hastings
	Sweepstakes: Champlin Park	
2002		Select: Stewartville
	AA: Elk Mound WI	AA: Winona Cotter
	AAA: Stewartville	AAA: Whitnall WI
	AAAA: Hastings	AAAA: Urbandale IA
	Sweepstakes: Hastings	
2003		Select: Stewartville
	AA: Elk Mound WI	AA: Luverne
	AAA: Stewartville	AAA: Whitnall WI
	AAAA: Hastings	AAAA: Coon Rapids
	Sweepstakes: Hastings	
2004	AA: Winona Cotter	AA: Winona Cotter
	AAA: Mt Pleasant WI	AAA: Brandon Valley SD
	AAAA: Champlin Park	AAAA: Irondale
	Sweepstakes: Champlin Park	
2005	MS: Farmington MS	
	A: Elk Mound WI	
	AA: Winona Cotter	AA: Winona Cotter
	AAA: Stewartville	AAA: Brandon Valley SD
		AAAA: Dowling IA
	Sweepstakes: Winona Cotter	
2006	A: NRHEG	A: West Lyon IA
	AA: Luverne	AA: Luverne
	AAA: Stewartville	AAA: Brandon Valley SD
		AAAA: Irondale
	Sweepstakes: Luverne	
2007	MS: Farmington	
	A: NRHEG	A: Winona Cotter
	AA: Pipestone	AA: Pipestone
	AAA: Brandon Valley SD	AAA: Brandon Valley SD
		AAAA: Eden Prairie
	Sweepstakes: Brandon Valley SD	
2008	MS: Farmington	
	A: NRHEG	A: Winona Cotter
	AA: Pipestone	AA: Independence IA
	AAA: Brandon Valley SD	AAA: Brandon Valley SD
		AAAA: Irondale
	Sweepstakes: Brandon Valley SD	
2009	A: Winona Cotter	A: Winona Cotter
	AA: Stewartville	AA: Rochester Lourdes
	AAA: Brandon Valley SD	AAA: Brandon Valley SD
	AAAA: Sioux Falls Washington	AAAA: Irondale
	Sweepstakes: Sioux Falls Wash.	
2010	A: NRHEG	A: Winona Cotter
	AA: Winona Cotter	AA: Anoka
	AAA: Brandon Valley SD	AAA: Eastview
	Sweepstakes: Brandon Valley SD	
2011	A: NRHEG	A: Minnetonka
	AA: Winona Cotter	AA: Rochester Lourdes
	AAA: Brandon Valley SD	AAA: Eastview
	Sweepstakes: Brandon Valley SD	
2012	A: NRHEG	A: Winona Cotter
	AA: Luverne	AA: Rochester Lourdes
	AAA: Worthington	AAA: Eastview
	Sweepstakes: Brandon Valley SD	

	Parade	Field
2013	A: Lennox SD	A: Lennox SD
	AA: Luverne	AA: Luverne
	AAA: Brandon Valley SD	AAA: Brandon Valley SD
	Sweepstakes: Brandon Valley SD	
2014	A: NRHEG	A: Rained Out
	AA: Stewartville	AA: Rained Out
	AAA: Worthington	AAA: Rained Out
	Sweepstakes: Rained Out	
2015	A: NRHEG	
	AA: Stewartville	AA: Rochester Lourdes
	AAA: Brandon Valley SD	AAA: Sioux Falls Washington
	Sweepstakes: Brandon Valley SD	
2016	A: NRHEG	A:
	AA: Stewartville	AA: Lennox SD
	AAA: Lakeville South	AAA: Sioux Falls Washington
	Sweepstakes: Lennox SD	
2017	A: Lennox SD	A: Lennox SD
	AA: Luverne	AA: Benton Community
	AAA: Worthington	AAA: Eastview
	Sweepstakes: Champlin Park	
2018	A: NRHEG	A: Sheldon IA
	AA: Stewartville	AA: Rochester Lourdes
	AAA: Worthington	AAA: Eastview
	Sweepstakes: Lakeville South	

	Parade	Field
2019	A: NRHEG	A: Spirit Lake IA
	AA: Stewartville	AA: Rochester Lourdes
	AAA: Worthington	AAA: Eastview
	Sweepstakes: Lakeville South	
2020	NO Competition	
2021	A: Adrian-Ellsworth	A: Rochester Lourdes
	AA:	AA: Spirit Lake IA
	AAA: Eastview	AAA: Eastview
	Sweepstakes: Eastview	
2022	A: Pipestone	A: Luverne
	AA: Stewartville	AA: Rochester Lourdes
	AAA: Eastview	AAA: Eastview
	Sweepstakes: Eastview	
2023		A: Luverne
	AA: Stewartville	AA: Spirit Lake
	AAA: Eastview	AAA: Eastview
	Sweepstakes: Eastview	
2024	A: Eagle Grove	A: Rochester Lourdes
	AA: Pipestone	AA: Coon Rapids
	AAA: Lakeville South	AAA: Lakeville South
	Sweepstakes: Lakeville South	
2025	A: —	A: Rochester Lourdes
	AA: Stewartville	AA: Coon Rapids
	AAA: Lakeville South	AAA: Mankato 77 Lancers
	Sweepstakes: Lakeville South	



Waseca Marching Classic Concessions Menu

PARADE CONCESSION STAND

2nd Ave NE between 4 Seasons Athletics & Waseca Art Center

Big Cookie (M&M or Chocolate Chip)	$6.00
Water	$2.00

FIELD SHOW MAIN CONCESSION STAND

East endzone

Big Cookie (M&M or Choc. Chip)	$6.00
Roast Beef Sandwich	$6.00
Hot Dog	$4.00
Pizza by the Slice (Pep., Sausage, or Cheese)	$3.00
Pretzel	$3.00
Cheese Sauce Cup	$1.00
Nachos (with cheese sauce)	$3.00
Chips	$2.00
Cup-O-Noodles.	$2.00
Popcorn	$2.00
Candy	$2.00
Pop (Pepsi Products)	$3.00
Gatorade (Cool Blue or Fruit Punch)	$3.00
BUBBL'R (Pitaya Berry or Triple Berry)	$3.00
Hot Chocolate	$2.00
Bottled Water	$2.00

DISCOVER Waseca
CITY OF WASECA
WASECA CLASSIC ROUTE INFORMATION
Legend
Parade Route
Parade Staging
Bus Routes
Parade Pick-up Area
Band Staging Area
Bus Parking
Field 1 Clinic
Field 2 Clinic
Field 3 Clinic
Field 4 Clinic
Judging Area
Parade Awards
People's Choice / VIP Viewing Area
Spectator Parking
Waseca School
Reference Purposes Only!
Northeast Park
Service Rd NW
24th Ave NE
22nd Ave NW
22nd Ave NE
Walmart
Waseca Intermediate School
Clinic Site #4
Athletic Fields
Field 3
Stadium
Waseca High School
Headquarters
Concessions
Bus Parking
Field 2
Field 1
16th Ave NW
Northridge Plaza
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20th Ave NE
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Hartley Elemetery
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Parade Awards
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